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Letter dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to transmit herewith my Government's reply, in the form of a note verbale, concerning the implementation of the arms embargo against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This reply is supplementary to the reply which the Irish Presidency of the European Union has sent to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004).

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Annex to the letter dated 26 May 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and has the honour to inform him that Belgium has taken the necessary steps to implement the measures imposed under paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1493 (2003).

In Belgium, all exports of military materiel are subject to an export licencing regime. No export licence is granted for the export of military materiel to a country subject to Security Council sanctions.

Furthermore, Belgium is required to implement the measures which the European Union has taken in implementation of resolution 1493 (2003); these are described in the note from the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations in its capacity as representative of the Presidency of the European Union. Council Regulation (EC) No. 1727/2003, adopted on 27 September 2003, is directly applicable in Belgium.